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Meat and Egg Traders

Dear Sir/Madam

**H5N8 HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA IN LUTJEGAST, GRONINGEN AND TERWOLDE, GELDERLAND, THE NETHERLANDS**

Netherlands reported outbreaks of H5N8 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry farms in Lutjegast, Groningen and Terwolde, Gelderland, the Netherlands.

2 In view of the outbreaks, the National Parks Board/Animal & Veterinary Service (NParks/AVS) has imposed temporary restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products from 10 km radius restricted area around the affected premises in Lutjegast, Groningen and Terwolde, Gelderland, the Netherlands with effect from 10 November and 13 November 2020. Heat-treated poultry products which comply with the OIE guidelines for inactivation of Avian Influenza virus will not be subjected to the restriction.

3 Poultry consignments exported from the affected area in Lutjegast, Gelderland before 10 November 2020 and slaughtered before 20 October 2020, and exported from the affected area in Groningen and Terwolde, Gelderland before 13 November 2020 and slaughtered before 23 October 2020 will continue to be accepted for import.

4 To facilitate the clearance of permits for other poultry and poultry products, the following additional attestations are required to be included in the veterinary health certificate accompanying the import of poultry and poultry products:

- (a) Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) and H5 and H7 low pathogenicity avian influenza (LPAI) are notifiable diseases in the Netherlands.
- (b) The birds from which the meat was sourced were not vaccinated against H5 and H7 subtypes of avian influenza (AI), as defined by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE).
- (c) The poultry and poultry products were not derived from birds originating from areas within the 10 km radius restricted area around a highly pathogenic avian influenza affected farm.



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(d) The poultry from which the meat was derived were born, raised, and slaughtered in Netherlands, or were legally imported as day old chicks from countries with equivalent poultry health status.

5 Please contact Ms Lily, Ms Zawiyah or Mr Bosco at 6805 2857 / 6805 2863 / 6805 2856 should you have any enquiries on the import of poultry and poultry products.

Yours sincerely

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